Suffragists Threaten to Have Their Way Regardless of Best Interests to Society.

ATTITUDE OF FRENCH WOMEN

Their War Experience Has Not Converted Them to Desire for Participation in Politics-Wish to Return to Their Antewar Status.

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In substance. I pointed out (1) that not even President Wilson is infallible; (2) that there exists a widespread confusion of natural, human rights, with the legislative machinery designed for the express purpose of conserving those rights; (3) that the proposed vastly increased electorate cannot show the will of the majority of adult persons of both sexes any better than the system hitherto used, and is therefore undecessary; (4) that the proposed measures will be, if enacted, distinctly burdensome to a majority of conscientious women, while at the same time affording grand opportunities for female cranks and crooks; (5) that ultrademogratic institutions and ideas are not allways righteous, whereas righteousness is the essential thing for the peace and safety of any nation.

The surprising unsplash of mud that followed the dropping of the aforesaid remarks suggests that they were not without weight. One critic felt moved to safe that "M" stands for mossback. Another, conveniently forgetting a majority of United States Senators, pictured "M" as the sole and, of course, ridiculous opponent on this question of our great President, The writer also professed to dread having to blush for "M." A Wilsonian Democrat was so undemocratic and so un-Wilsonian as to consider dissent from the President's view, even apologic dissent, as detraction and near-treason. He was plainly of the impression that none but voters possess all "human rights." which mistaken notion probably accounts for some of his misplaced indignation. Chivalrous feetings are admirable, yet mistaken chivalry may be dangerous.

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One can hardly expect to convince such disputants as these, nor has that been my purpose in writing. Rather, it is my hope to help arouse that great number of men and women who read and decide, but who seldom write for publication. Unless all are watchful, tranized selfish ambition, backed by a few deluded great men and deluded voters not so great, will have its way, regardless of the best, interests of society as a whole and contrary to the desires of most of the best women. desires of most of the best women.

Richmond, Va., October 31.

Some Recent Examples.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—Speaking of his country women Lieutenant Reynard, of the French High Commission, says: The new experience which they have had in France has not tended to convert them to suffrage or a desire to participate in politics. They are just as influential through speaking in private. Doing the work of men, taking up every kind of war industry with success participating in issues which were previously outside of her interest, has not changed the nature of the French woman. She does not wish to assume man's place in politics and business, she is merely enduring them until the war is over and she may return, as far as circumstances will permit, to the place she occupied before the war.

Another cheering circumstance is that the law enasted at the last session of the Texas Legislature, granting women, the right to vote in primaries and conventions, has been declared unconstitutional by Judge Voll M. Taylor in the Seventy-ninth District Court, while, "New Jersey Democrats have defeated the attempt to insert in their platform a plank indorsing woman suffrage."

A year or more since suffrage in In-

diana, conferred by legislative vote, was decided as unconstitutional by its court of appeals; and in Main and Ohio legislative "Statutes were referred to the people when suffrage was defeated by overwhelming majorities.

In a letter to "Recorder," written just before his death, Senator Tillman says:"I have voted against woman suffrage all my life and expect to conlinue to donit. I don't believe the women of Spuin Carblina want the ballot; and I also believe that when the majority of them do want it, their husbands, and brothers will give it to them. I stand upon that ulterance." In Niew of the examples above cited, it would seem to be the only tenable one upon which to stand.

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"Rusticus," Antisuffragist.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
"Rusticus," from the little town of Surry, has spoken, and the gods are still laughing.

Why should suffragists argue when there are so many antis who are ignorant of matters of government? Government to them, is a tabooed subject, except when they want to obstruct the participation of women in it. "Rusticus" is the typical anti when she writes or talks on governmental topics she is ignorant of her subject and consequently thinks all women are.

Does not "Rusticus" know that when the suffragists went to the Legislatures of 1912, '14 and '16, they did not and could not ask for their enfranchisement, but merely that the question be submitted to the people of the State for their decision. They asked that Virginia have the right to settle this

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What the United War Work Campaign Is! Read Every Word of This!

There are seven wonderful American organizations devoting their entire time, money and efforts to caring for our soldiers and sailors under arms and to the women who are engaged in any sort of war work, here or over there.

These Organizations—

Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., National Catholic War Council, K. of C., Jewish Welfare Board, War Camp Community Service, American Library Association and Salvation Army have been acting separately, raising the money to carry on their own essential work, but at the request of President Wilson, have now combined in one great drive to secure the necessary funds to further all their purposes during the war.

These splendid agencies have laid aside their individualities and are now all bending their powerful efforts in the one great cause—that of putting the home influence, as nearly as possible, into every nook and corner, crack or hole in the earth where there is an American or allied soldier, besides giving every fighter or worker the support of his or her religion. In fact, wherever you find a soldier or sailor there is evidence of the loving care of the folks back home, expressed through the medium of one of these seven affiliated and co-operating organizations-they go with the boy every step of the way.

The United War Work Campaign

Is the effort to raise \$170,500,000 in America, of which Virginia's part is \$1,500,000, between November 11th and 18th.

This money, when collected, will be divided between the seven organizations in the following proportion:

Y. M. C. A	35 per	cent.	or	\$100,000,000
Catholic war Council-K, of C. 17.6	60 per	cent	or	30 000 000
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War Camp Community Service 8.8	30 per	. cent,	or	15,000,000
Jewish Welfare Board 2.0	05 per	cent,	or	3,500,000
American Library Association 2.0	05 per	cent,	or	3,500,000
Salvation Army 2.0	05 per	cent,	or	3,500,000

What the Money Does-

This money will be expended by these organizations to maintain huts, which are open to every allied soldier, regardless of his faith, race or color-these huts are the battlefield homes of the boys in France and the camp homes for the lads over here. In these huts the tireless workers of the seven organizations give encouragement to the fight-weary boys, drive the blues away, keep the spirits up, supply writing paper to the extent of 125,000,-000 sheets a month, and envelopes, cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, chocolate, cocoa, beds and baths, give information, counsel, entertainments, books—3,600,000 volumes and 5,000,000 periodicals have been sent over, as well as enough scripture and booklets to make a pile twenty miles high if stacked together. In fact, everything that is possible is done for the benefit of our boys' mental and physical comfort, health and general welfare—all the agencies that make life worth while in times of peace are presented under the friendly roof of the hut, the church, the school, the gymnastic the light the theatre the lecture hall and the moving picture ium, the club, the theatre, the lecture hall and the moving picture

America's Women-

The gentle hand and the loving heart of the American woman is materially evidenced in the Hostess Houses around our camps here, as well as her pure, wholesome influence and care for her patriotic sister who has taken a fighting man's place in our industrial and war activities here and over yonder.

No man or woman who has heard from a son on the battle front, and who knows the wealth of mental and physical health that exists under the roof of these huts will regret one red penny given to these organizations to carry on their work.

Military men will certify to this truth that nine happy and contented men can outfight ten men who are lonesome and homesick. If it is worth twenty-four billion dollars to America to keep our men under arms next year, surely it is worth one hundred and seventy and a half million dollars, which is 12c a day for each soldier to make them fight ten per cent more efficiently-to contribute to that factor, as Napoleon said, is "as other factors in war three to one"-that indefinable, indispensable factor, MORALE.

The Other Enemy-

There is another menacing enemy on the battle front besides the horrible, low-principled Hun-that is the soul-destroying power of evil influence, which can break a soldier quicker than Uncle Sam can make him. These seven organizations are waging a war of greater import and permanent value to us here—that is, the moulding of character and morale of our young men in war, which not only keeps them in good fighting trim, but gives them a clean, healthy mind and body.

These agencies are with the boy the minute he reports for duty and follow him into the trenches, giving him mental and physical food. After his hard hours of duty, all through the terrible nights on the fire step—along comes the "Y" man, or the secretary of the K. of C., Jewish Welfare Board or Salvation Army—it makes no difference which to the difference which to the war-weary lad, who may have wet feet, covered with mud and chilled to the bone-who welcomes with a shout this agent of service, coming down the muddy trench with cups of steaming hot coffee or cocoa, doughnuts, perhaps, made and flavored by the motherly hand of one of America's glorious women, there is also a supply of cigarettes and tobacco, all free of charge. This sort of service is the love and care of the folk back home, which has followed your boy to the trenches through these United War Workers, who also act as and assist the stretcher bearers in taking care of the wounded.

The long, friendly, helping arm of these organizations reaches out to aid the boy who is taken prisoner. Through such neutral agencies as the Danish Red Cross they carry out their program of helpfulness even in the prison camps of Germany and Austria.

Differences of creeds and dogma do not divide the men who are fighting and dying together—they stand shoulder to shoulder there in a great common faith in the Fatherhood of God whose creed is service in the spirit of Brotherhood to all men.

When Peace Is Declared-

Do not let the present victories and peace rumors mislead you, but when peace is declared there will be more need for the work of these organizations and this money—support the morale of our men—the demobilization will bring added temptation and dangers—we must bring the boys home clean, strong and healthy.

Knowing All These Facts, Will You Hesitate to Respond Liberally to the Committe in Your Community for This Fund Which Renders Such a Service to the Boys Who Are Fighting and Dying That You and What You Have Will Be Safe.

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